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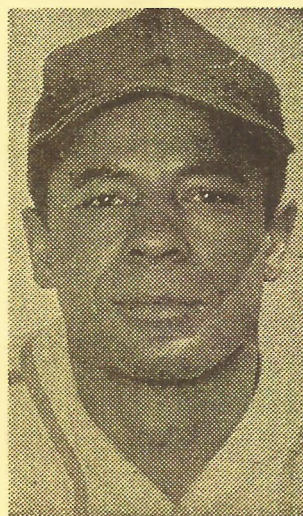
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TIM BURGESS — After guiding London to its first Intercounty pennant since 1956, this hard-swinging first baseman-outfielder-manager looks hopefully to a repeat performance in 1965. Physically fit following a wrist break last season, this former major leaguer can be a big cog in Pontiacs' drive for a second straight pennant. Bats and throws left. A Lambeth resident he's employed as sales representative for McGuinness Distilleries Ltd.,



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All games start at 8:00 p.m.
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Sun., June 13 — Kitchener
(2:00 p.m.)
Fri., June 18 — Galt
Sun., June 20 — Brantford
(7:30 p.m.)
Tues., June 22 — Galt
Fri., June 25 — Listowel
Sun., June 27 — Brantford
(2:00 p.m.)
Fri., July 2 — Listowel
Fri., July 9 — Kitchener
Fri., July 16 — Guelph
Fri., July 23 — Stratford
Fri., July 30 — Brantford
Tues., Aug. 3 — Listowel
Fri., Aug. 6 — Guelph

AWAY

Sun., June 6 — Guelph
(1:45)
Tues., June 8 — Kitchener
(7:30)
Wed., June 9 — Galt
Tues., June 15 — Stratford
Sat., June 19 — Brantford
Thurs., June 24 — Listowel
Sat., July 3 — Galt
Tues., July 6 — Brantford
Thurs., July 8 — Stratford
Tues., July 13 — Listowel
Tues., July 20 — Kitchener
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DAVE LAPHORNE — Regular third baseman for the past three seasons, this graduate of London's sandlot system was a first team all-star last season finishing the campaign with a .295 average. A righthander all the way, he carries a four-year Senior IC average of .289. Nicknamed "Whitey". He's a school teacher. He's 23 years old.

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JOHN AMBROSE — This 35-year-old first baseman-outfielder-pitcher played a major role in London's pennant victory last year and is expected to duplicate if not improve on the performance this year. Named as second team all-star first sacker last year, this righthanded slugger has his own plumbing business in St. Thomas. He boasts a nine-year .255 IC average and was the loop's MVP in 1958.

ROLF SCHEEL — The strong right arm of this Yokahoma-born son of German parents spearheaded Pontiacs to 11 victories last season and indications are he'll again be a strong force in this year's pennant parade. At 32 he has 10 years of pro ball behind him. A student at UWO he's employed as credit manager at London Motor Products during the summer. Was named league's Most Valuable Player last year.



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1964 Final Season's Averages — London Pontiacs

BATTING

Player	G	AB	R	H	RBI	BA
Allen	23	67	12	12	13	.179
Ambrose	22	77	12	20	13	.260
Anderson, J.	5	10	1	2	1	.200
Anderson, S.	29	112	27	33	28	.295
Baron	5	9	1	3	3	.333
Burgess, J.	7	5	0	1	0	.200
Burgess, T.	1	3	1	1	1	.333
Burgess, W.	29	112	13	34	7	.304
Czerwieniec	30	135	20	36	22	.267
Hebert	12	34	3	10	5	.294
Kyle	3	6	0	2	1	.333
Lapthorne	26	112	20	33	17	.295
McKenzie	27	119	28	31	8	.261
Mendham	10	31	3	4	2	.129
Oldridge	11	12	1	1	2	.083
Parker	2	2	0	0	0	.000
Pook	29	103	15	22	7	.214
Rodrigues	4	9	3	0	0	.000
Scheel	15	46	6	7	3	.152
Winch	2	1	0	1	0	1.000
Zubyk	23	76	11	15	9	.197

PITCHING

Pitcher	G	IP	BB	SO	W	L	Pct.	ERA
Burgess, J.	7	19	8	11	0	2	.000	5.67
Hebert	10	77	31	53	4	4	.500	2.88
Kyle	1	2	3	3	0	0	.000	4.50
Oldridge	11	53 2/3	13	23	2	2	.500	2.79
Parker	2	6 2/3	6	6	0	0	.000	1.35
Poole	1	1	1	2	0	0	.000	18.00
Scheel	15	119	31	115	11	3	.786	1.53
Winch	2	3 2/3	1	3	0	2	.000	4.86

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DAVE POOK — A St. Thomas minor league graduate with a couple of seasons of pro ball behind him, Dave ranks as Pontiacs first string catcher. He defensive genius was a major cog in London's success last year and he's looking to improve on the performance. While not a consistent hitter he can be troublesome and keeps the pitchers on their toes.

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ROY MCKAY — A year's layoff doesn't appear to have hampered the rhythmic south-paw slants of this veteran Thamesford resident. Launching his 11th Senior IC campaign Roy is expected to fill a need for lefthanded pitching balance lacking last season. His career record is 32 wins and 35 losses. He's 31.

BRANTFORD RED SOX

From 1959 through 1963 the Brantford Red Sox were the elite of the Senior Inter-county, winning championships in each of those five seasons.

But then the bottom fell out of the talent market and the solid Sox sprung more leaks than the proverbial sinking ship and plummeted to the league cellar, finishing out of the playoffs for the first time since 1958.

But pre-season reports indicate the Sox have tightened their garters and are again on the rise.

With the rubberized left arm of reliable Ron Stead, the booming bat of backstop Ted Baker and the masterminding genius of veteran Bob Salvisburg to show the way the Brantford nine is again aimed at the top rung of the league ladder.

Stead, entering his ninth season in the Senior IC, boasts one of the league's greatest victory records, 65-24 and, while recording a losing record of 6-7 last year serves notice that with a solid team to back him up, he'll be tough to beat.

Baker, for the past two years the playing manager of the Red Sox, shucks off the strategical responsibilities this year to

concentrate on his catching duties. And when the power-belted batteryman is calling the pitching signals he's among the league's finest. He hit a respectable .308 last year and his lifetime IC average is a fine .294 for five seasons.

Salvisburg, veteran of senior ball in Oakville for many years and later an IC all-star first and second sacker with Brantford and Hamilton, returns to the game following a three-year absence. His defensive ability at either base is without question and his lifetime IC batting record is a respectable .282. His managerial credentials include guiding the Hamilton Beavers to playoff territory in their final IC campaign in 1961, and the Brant Sox to the first of their five consecutive crowns in 1959.

But three men do not a ball team make, so the Red Sox have cast their lines a little farther afield and come up with another veteran of Brantford's victory era. He's smooth-fielding second sacker Bob Frazier who played for the Sox from 1960-63. The native Floridan holds a career record of .324 in the Inter-county.

Other returnees from last year's squad

include reserve catcher Gerry Convey, a light hitter but good on defense; outfielders Jim Torti and Robbie Vipond, both strong defensively but somewhat weak at the plate.

New faces on the Brantsox horizon include righthanded pitcher Bill Latchford of Belleville. The 22-year-old had a trial this spring with the Boston Red Sox and could be a key figure in the Brantford rebuilding program. A pair of 20-year-olds, Marty Sear, varsity catcher with Yale, and Chuck Cipola, varsity third sacker with Colgate, call Hamilton home and could fit into the Brantford lineup quite effectively. Ken Pipe a junior from Dundas is also given hope of landing a berth.

Missing from the ranks will be 1963 batting king, third-sacker Jimmy Reeves. The veteran hot-corner incumbent is working east of Toronto and finds the travel problems too great to surmount.

Red Sox lack depth at the outset of the season but past experience has shown that quality more than compensates for quantity and if the Sox prove true to form they may be few but they'll be mighty.

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BILL BURGESS — Entering his seventh senior season, Bill is looking for a repeat of last year's performance when he batted .304, his best season to date. A younger brother of manager Tim, Bill has proved his worth at the bat and in the field. He'll likely play left field this year although he could fill in at first. He's 24 and an aerial photographer.



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JOE NASH — Tabbed as Pontiacs' regular second sacker this year, this 28-year-old rookie hails from the Halton County and Toronto senior leagues. He swings a mean bat and appears at home with the glove. Could be one of the club's biggest surprises this year. He's a salesman when not playing ball.

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SEASON BATTING

League Records

Most Hits—Billy Flick, Waterloo, 1953 — 88.
Most Runs — Pete Karpuk, Galt, 1955, and Roy LeFevre, Oshawa, 1955 — 62 each.
Most Doubles—Wilmer Fields, Brantford, 1954—24.
Most Triples—Russ Evon, London, 1950, and Don McLennan, London, 1955 — 12 each.
Most Home Runs — Ed Steele, Galt, 1953; Harry Fisher, Brantford, 1954, and Wilmer Fields, Brantford, 1954 — 14 each.
Most Total Bases — Harry Fisher, Brantford, 1954 — 157.
Most Runs Batted In — Harry Fisher, Brantford, 1954 — 62.
Most Stolen Bases — Dick Welker, Kitchener, 1953, — 38.
Most Walks Received — Butch Lawing, Oshawa, 1953, and Jim Jones, Oshawa, 1953 — 66 each.
Most Times Struck Out — Don Gallinger, Kitchener, 1954 — 51.
Highest Batting Average — Jim Reeves, Brantford, 1963 — .444.
Consecutive Game Hitting — Billy Flick, Waterloo, 1953, and Hank Czerwieniec, London, 1962 — 23.

PITCHING

Most Strikeouts—Gentry "Jeep" Jessup, Galt, 1953, — 140.
Most Walks — Bob Penny, London, 1953 — 100.
Lowest Earned Run Average — Ron Stead, Brantford, 1963 — 0.63.
Most Wins—Spud Bush, Brantford, 1961 — 16.
Most Losses — Joe Grasso, St. Thomas, 1953 — 15.
Best Won-Lost Percentage (10 or more decisions) Ron Stead, Brantford, 1963 — 14-1, .933.
Most Shutouts—Ron Stead, Brantford, 1963 — 7.

GAME BATTING (Since 1958)

Plate Appearances—Nine shared by 6 K-W players.
At Bats—8—Walt Bradley, Dave George (K-W), Paul Allen, London, July 5th, 1963.
Runs—5—Dan Jackson (K-W) 1958; Bob Salviburg (Hamilton); Dave Smallwood (K-W) and Al Erickson (Listowel) — all tied.
Hits—5—shared by many players.
Doubles—3—Dan Jackson (K-W) May 19, 1958; Galt, June 27, 1958; Jim Wilson (Hamilton) June 5, 1958; Frank Kinder (Guelph) July 9, 1960; Jim Reeves (Brantford) June 4, 1963.
Triples—2—Wray Upper (Galt) June 11, 1958; Bruce Dubrick (Listowel) July 19, 1958; Bill Roman (Listowel) June 28, 1958; Bob Brain (Galt) June 29, 1960; Wray Upper, July 6, 1960; Ernie Myers (Listowel) July 5, 1960; Dave Laphorne (London) June 28, 1963.
Home Runs—2—several players tied.
Sacrifices—2—several tied with two bunts and/or two flys.
Stolen Bases—4—Don McLennan (London) Aug. 4, 1958; Clare Maltby (Listowel) July 19, 1958; Bob Gilhooley (Stratford) July 18, 1964.
Caught Stealing—2—several tied.

Walks Received—5—Wray Upper (Galt) May 23, 1960.

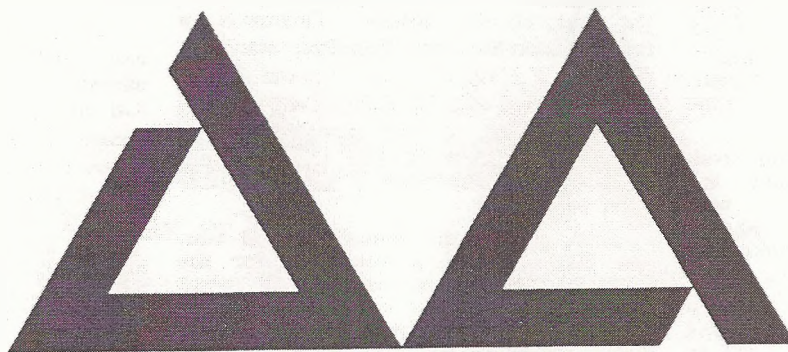
Times Struck Out—6—Bill Burgess (London) at Guelph, June 20, 1964.

Most Runs Batted In—7—Bob Zester (Listowel) 1960.

Hit By Pitch—3—Bill Burgess (London) June 27, 1962; Dave Racer, 1, Gary Thomas, 2 (Listowel), Wayne Edwards (Galt) Aug. 14, 1961; John Poholsky, Listowel.

Hit Into Double Play—2—several tied.

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But the taste of victory remains fresh for the Terriers in 1965. Under the capable guidance of Wray Upper — now in his 15th Intercounty season — the Terriers can be counted on to make another determined title chase.

Upper, whose lifetime IC average is a fine .290, is ranked among the league's finest glove men and plays either third or short. Backing up their talented leader are heavy hitting Roger Dewaele, Dick Krol, Fred Thompson and Gib Simpson and veterans Ron Boomer and Larry Cunningham.

Dewaele, now in his fourth season, enjoyed his finest year in 1964, posting a .345 average and setting the league pace

in home runs with seven and total bases with 81. He gained an outfield berth on the first all-star squad. Thompson, a former Oakville and Hamilton standout, now in his ninth IC season, boasts a lifetime average of .305 and closed the '64 campaign with a .353 percentage. He too gained a first all-star team outfield berth but can also play a highly capable third base.

Krol, son of the famed football star, Joe Krol, proved a real find for the Terriers last season, swinging a potent bat for a .337 average and 27 runs batted in and proving the king-pin of the pitching staff, particularly in the playoffs. He was named first team all-star second baseman. Simpson, another relative newcomer proved highly efficient with the bat, posting a .357 average.

Neither Boomer, an eight-year flamboyant first sacker, nor Cunningham, normally a heavy-hitting, glue-gloved outfielder enjoyed a good campaign with

the bat but both could pose a real threat in the coming campaign.

The Galt hill corps boasts one of the loop's southpaws in Eric Lomax, the IC earned run average leader who posted a 5-0 slate in '64 and has an IC lifetime record of 30 wins and 13 losses. Another veteran southpaw, Ross Paton, who boasts a nine year standard of 46-23, doubles as a relief pitcher and coach.

The loss of pitcher Jim Merrick (4-5) and catcher Ray Stadler (.364) both U.S. collegians who have accepted pro offers, will be felt but not too sorely since promising youngsters have appeared on the horizon — fellows like Dennis Kelly, Ernie Hatt and Dave Sheen, all of whom can expect to see considerable action this year.

Hard-throwing, but somewhat erratic, Ken Lavis (4-3), Simpson and Thompson can also be called on to augment the Galt mound staff. The Terriers bite can be every bit as sharp as its bark in '65.

JIM LAVERY — Another London junior grad, Jim swings a mean bat and will add depth to London's bench. An outfielder, he's 21 years old.



PAUL ALLEN — Utility infielder and outfielder whose desire far over-shadowed his batting average in first two campaigns. But blossomed as club's leading slugger in last year's playoffs. A Tillsonburg resident he'll be teaching school in Petrolia next year. One of league's fastest runners. He's a righthander and 23 years old.

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GUELPH ROYALS

Hanging out the "under new management" sign, Guelph Royals look optimistically toward the 1965 Senior Intercounty campaign with visions of a pennant flying over their home park come mid-August.

John Clark, 50-year-old relief pitcher who has been playing his wares in the IC since 1950, assumes the mantle of management this year with last year's pilot, veteran all-star first sacker Walt Jefferies retiring from the game to devote full time to business. Clark will have his work cut out for him to mould a contender with the loss of Walt and nephew Gary Jefferies, the latter, an outfielder, third baseman, have decided to forego the on field action this season.

But Clark's plight is far from grim with such proven performers as Nick DiCarlo, John Skinner, Terry Valeriotte, Ron Gumbley, Ted Hastings, Mike Mahoney, Harry Barber, Robbie Sleeman, Mike Kovac and Bud Westaway available

for duty.

DiCarlo, perennial all-star shortstop whose 14-year IC record is .259, is expected to handle some of the coaching duties as is former Guelph mayor, outfielder Hastings. The slugging out-gardener has a 10-year .240 IC batting average. Skinner, a catcher-second baseman-shortstop, isn't exactly the league's most potent hitter but he can be a threat. Valeriotte, a second and third sacker, as a good fielder and a pesky hitter.

Gumbley, ranked among the league's better defensive outfielders and is in his seventh season. Mahoney, the team's power-belter, can be a big gun in the Guelph attack. Westaway, a former St. Thomas infielder, has shown considerable ability both in the field and at the plate.

Depth on the mound may be a bit of a problem for the Royals but with right-hander Barber (9-6) heading the

contingent and sophomore Sleeman (2-2) to back him up indications are they'll hold their own. Kovac, an eight-year veteran of IC play can double as a relief pitcher and infielder and does an adequate job at both.

Imports can prove the key to Guelph success with Frank Wyant, a catcher-shortstop back for another fling.

New faces on the horizon include Ed Jordan, a promising looking lefthanded pitcher-first baseman from Toronto, Al Etchells a catcher from the Oshawa team in the Metro junior league; Dave Heffer-san up from Acton Intermediates and Mike Numan, a former Guelph juvenile the cream of the crop.

Royals will miss southpaw Gary Field (2-2) and import Ed Croft (3-2) but Clark is certain he'll have a contender this year. And John's been around long enough to be a good judge of talent — both his own and his opponents.



NORM ALDRIDGE — When it comes to administering to the aches and pains of athletes, Norm has few peers. He's been a trainer of baseball hockey and football clubs for many years. He's also played all these games and in one season served as manager of the London Diamonds. He served as trainer of London Nationals the past season and will be the man in the white suit with Pontiacs this year. He could also fill in on the coaching lines.

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July 8 — London at Chatham
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July 11 — Sarnia at London

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CHAMPIONS

Year	Regular Season	Playoffs
1950	Brantford Red Sox	Waterloo Tigers
1951	Brantford Red Sox	London Majors
1952	Kitchener Panthers	Kitchener Panthers
1953	Waterloo Tigers	Kitchener Panthers
1954	Galt Terriers	St. Thomas Elgins
1955	Oshawa Merchants	St. Thomas Elgins
1956	London Majors	London Majors
1957	St. Thomas Elgins	K-W Dutchmen
1958	Oakville Oaks	St. Thomas Elgins
1959	Galt Terriers	Brantford Red Sox
1960	Brantford Red Sox	Brantford Red Sox
1961	Brantford Red Sox	Brantford Red Sox
1962	Guelph Royals	Brantford Red Sox
1963	Brantford Red Sox	Brantford Red Sox
1964	London Pontiacs	Galt Terriers

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER SELECTIONS

Year	Player	Team
1950	Alex Kvasnak	Waterloo
1951	Wilmer Fields	Brantford
1952-57	No selection	
1958	Johnny Ambrose	St. Thomas
1959	Stan "Gabby" Anderson	London
1960	Ron Stead	Brantford
1961	Spud Bush	Brantford
1962	John Poholsky	Guelph
1963	Ron Stead	Brantford
1964	Rolf Scheel	London

BATTING CHAMPIONS

Year	Player	Team	Ave.
1950	Alex Kvasnak	Waterloo	.379
1951	Fred Thomas	Kitchener	.383
1952	Russ Evon	London	.361
1953	Billy Flick	Waterloo	.349
1954	Wilmer Fields	Brantford	.379
1955	Wilmer Fields	Oshawa	.425
1956	Luther Clifford	Brantford	.397
1957	Jim Dickey	Listowel	.377
1958	Wray Upper	Galt	.413
1959	Ernie Myers	Listowel	.423
1960	Stan Anderson	London	.391
1961	Don Mayes	London	.400
1962	Hank Czerwieniec	London	.424
1963	Jim Reeves	Brantford	.444
1964	Bob Gilhooley	Stratford	.374

PITCHING CHAMPIONS, 1946-1964 — Earned Run Leaders

Year	Pitcher	Team	Ave.
1950	Bobby Schnurr	Kitchener	1.67
1951	Bill Slack	London	1.38
1952	Bob Brake	London	1.61
1953	Ray Ripplemeyer	Oshawa	1.47
1954	John Maldovan	Kitchener	2.54
1955	Harry Schaffer	Oshawa	2.45
1956	Bob Simpson	London	2.52
1957	Not Recorded		
1958	Mike Wallace	Guelph	1.89
1959	Richard Jack	Hamilton	0.90
1960	Ross Paton	Hamilton	1.53
1961	Ron Stead	Brantford	1.33
1962	Gary Field	Guelph	1.35
1963	Ron Stead	Brantford	0.63
1964	Eric Lomax	Galt	1.35

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June 20 — Simcoe at London

June 25 — Kitchener at London

June 27 — London at Ingersoll

June 30 — Stratford at London

July 1 — London at St. Thomas

July 3 — London at Galt

July 7 — London at St. Thomas

July 10 — London at Brantford

July 11 — London at Ingersoll

July 14 — Ingersoll at London

July 17 — Simcoe at London

July 18 — London at Simcoe

July 21 — Galt at London

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KEN ROOKS — Having recovered from an arm injury which sidelined him last year, this righthanded pitcher could be a pleasant surprise in the Pontiacs' bid for a second straight pennant. A graduate of London's minor ranks, Ken was a standout two years ago with the OBA Junior champion Diamonds. He's 22 years old.

DAN MENDHAM — This veteran utility man has appeared at just about every position during his six-year IC career and this versatility makes him a key member of this year's club. A southpaw swinger he can be rough on opposing pitchers. He's 29.



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KITCHENER-WATERLOO PANTHERS

Having failed to complete the 1964 campaign the Panthers loomed as doubtful starters in 1965. But the drive and ambition of a handful of enthusiasts once again revived baseball interest in the Twin Cities and the Panthers can be expected to provide some spirited opposition this year.

Under the guiding hand of Derwood "Shorty" Miller, now in his 15th Senior Intercounty campaign, the Panthers are expected to field strictly a home-brew squad.

Pitching could prove their long suit with such proven righthanders as 6'5" Richard Jack (22-15 in five IC seasons); Howie Hupp (24-24 in 8 campaigns) and southpaw Court Heinbuch (3-4 last year) as the mainstays. Ken Sherk (0-3 in '64) and rookie southpaw Ed Beitz, a junior grad are expected to add depth to the mound corps. Lefty Gene Zanatta (11-9 in 5 seasons) ranks as a doubtful competitor due to job commitments.

Panthers will miss the steady twirling of import George Valesente (14-11 in three campaigns) who is not expected to return.

At the plate, Panthers will not be hurting with the return of veterans Dave Smallwood, John Couch, Walt Bradley, Nick Rintche and John Webber.

Smallwood, an outfielder and strong on defence, boasts a .315 lifetime IC average through eight seasons. Couch, also an outfielder playing his second full season, showed considerable promise last year despite a .220 batting mark. Bradley, a second team all-star outfielder last year when he batted .326 boasts a three-year IC mark of .282 and has demonstrated considerable power at the plate.

In the infield, Rintche, a nine-year veteran with a .267 lifetime IC mark, is expected to again be the hub of the inner circle of defense from the shortstop position although he can perform well at third

or second and in the outfield. Webber, a first baseman-outfielder, carries a light stick but is strong defensively.

Considerable aid in beefing up the squad is expected from junior grads Gary Ebel, Tom Searth and Brian Cressman, all of whom saw senior service last year. Ebel, a third baseman or outfielder, hit a creditable .269 last year in senior play while Searth, a first baseman-outfielder, batted .333 as did Cressman while appearing briefly.

Familiar faces missing from this year's squad include the Litzgus brothers, Larry and Wayne. Larry, a catcher has moved to Hamilton, and Wayne, a third baseman, to St. Catharines, and will be unavailable this year. Shortstop Ken Mark has also indicated he'll not return.

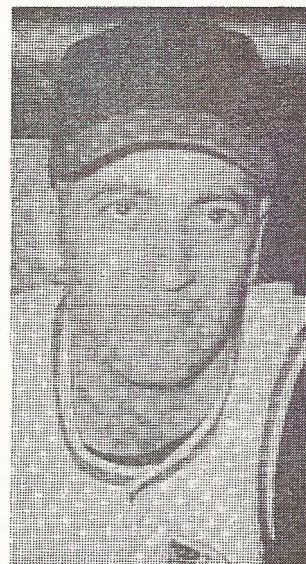
The Panthers have their work cut out for them if they hope to be contenders; but with a wealth of good junior material from which to draw they could surprise.

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BRIAN PEAREN—Expected to take over the centrefield spot vacated by Hank Czerwieniec's retirement, this London school teacher is rated as one of the Pontiacs' brightest prospects for 1965. A graduate of London's OBA champion junior Diamonds two years ago he can also play second base. His great speed makes him a constant batting threat. Bats left and throws right.



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GEORGE MCGUIRE — Ending a year's retirement, this hard-throwing righthander is expected to figure big in Pontiacs' pennant plans this year. A Nova Scotia native, George was the London nine's ace hurler from 1961-63 and could again be a major figure in second straight pennant drive. Employed at Northern Electric. He's 28.

LISTOWEL MUSTANGS

Returning to the Senior Intercounty ranks after an absence of three seasons, the Listowel nine brings with it a new name — the Mustangs.

One big question remains unanswered, however. Will the Mustangs have enough horses to make a run for the prized pennant? Only on the diamond will that evidence present itself.

Under the guidance of manager Ken Benjamin, a former Chatham stalwart who once played with the Listowel Legionnaires, the Mustangs have full confidence they'll make the going rough for

more than a few of their IC contemporaries.

With veteran third sacker Bob Zister, a Hanover resident, and possessor of a six-year .243 lifetime IC average and first sacker Ken Lawrence, a power poker with a four-year .223 IC record, holding down the corners of the infield, the Mustangs have their only proven strength. The balance of the roster will be filled with virtually untried talent although John Kruspe, an outfielder who played with Listowel in their last year in the circuit, shows promise of developing into a top-notch competitor.

As in the past, Listowel's main strength will come from the calibre of material imported from U.S. college ranks. The balance of the squad will be comprised of local talent with the exception of Don Black, a Listowel school teacher who received his basic training in London's Eager Beaver and Junior ranks and who appeared briefly in London senior livery during the past couple of seasons.

The newly-born Mustangs may have the awkwardness of colts for the early part of the campaign but once they gain their legs they could be troublesome.

ACTIVE PLAYER LIFETIME AVERAGES

From figures available

(Players with two or more years experience)

Player, Team(s)	Y	G	AB	R	H	RBI	BA
Hank Czerwieniec, Ldn	3	85	373	55	126	69	.338
Stan Anderson, Ldn	11	222	802	194	270	139	.336
Roger DeWaele, Glt	3	52	192	44	63	36	.328
Dave Smallwood, KW	8	195	683	127	216	118	.316
Murray Oliver, Ham, Glt	7	136	514	122	159	73	.309
Jim Reeves, Brant	7	132	496	75	153	76	.308
L. Cunningham, Ham, Glt	8	161	625	102	192	121	.307
Fred Thompson, Ham, Glt	8	219	952	195	291	110	.305
Ted Baker, Brant	5	150	568	106	167	113	.294
Wray Upper, Galt	14	239	1480	239	430	171	.290
Dave Laphorne, Ldn	4	101	377	52	109	44	.289
Bob Salvisburg, Ham, Br	4	123	524	88	148	56	.282
Walt Bradley, KW	3	87	309	53	87	31	.282
Jerry Anderson, Ldn	6	107	424	72	119	30	.281
Derwood Miller, KW	14	295	1054	166	289	151	.274
Nick Rintche, KW	9	212	732	105	196	113	.267
Tom Searth, KW	3	19	34	5	10	2	.263
Nick DiCarlo, Guel	14	312	1006	171	261	111	.259
Walt Jeffries, Guel	9	207	1004	115	259	77	.258
Jim Baker, Guelph	2	49	179	22	45	17	.251
George Ashley, Guel	3	29	76	6	19	8	.250
Wayne Litzgus, KW	4	105	399	56	99	38	.248
Tom McKenzie, Ldn	5	93	384	61	95	28	.247
Bob Zister, List, Strat	6	138	535	76	130	59	.243
Court Heinbuch, KW	3	25	45	10	11	8	.244
Ted Hastings, Guel	10	145	450	43	108	49	.240
Larry Litzgus, KW	4	91	336	34	80	26	.238
Bill Burgess, Ldn	6	98	340	41	80	26	.235
John Clark, Glt, Guel	7	51	81	4	19	5	.235
Ron Gumbley, Guel	6	167	589	93	136	53	.231
Dennis Kelly, Galt	2	12	48	6	11	4	.229
Ron Smith, Glt	2	37	140	20	32	11	.229
John Couch, KW	3	75	254	31	58	23	.228
Jim Torti, Brant	6	122	422	58	95	45	.225
Dan Mendham, Ldn	6	102	325	48	73	47	.225

Player, Team(s)	Y	G	AB	R	H	RBI	BA
John Ambrose, St. T, Ldn	9	171	565	89	144	76	.255
Bill Burgess, Glt	2	28	107	9	24	10	.224
Don Black, Ldn	2	2	7	1	1	0	.143
Ross Paton, Glt	14	97	240	26	54	22	.225
Gary Jeffries, Guel	2	48	174	17	39	20	.224
Ken Lawrence, List, Str	4	71	220	32	49	26	.223
Ron Boomer, Glt	8	210	785	80	174	87	.221
Mike Mahoney, Guel	2	60	190	19	42	28	.221
Ken Hubbard, Brant	2	54	177	18	39	20	.220
Bill Zubyk, Ldn	8	214	832	104	182	63	.218
Dave Pook, Ldn	5	92	312	86	67	19	.215
Spud Bush, Brant	7	67	229	32	47	25	.205
Harry Barber, Guel	4	50	93	11	19	4	.204
Bud Westaway, St. T, Guel	3	84	284	31	56	13	.197
George Valesente, KW	3	54	174	17	34	15	.195
Robbie Vipond, Brant	8	174	626	73	122	40	.194
Eric Lomax, Ham, Glt	6	71	159	21	29	13	.182
Brian Pearen, Ldn	3	23	74	8	13	6	.175
Paul Allen, Ldn	2	47	170	18	29	23	.171
Mike Kovac, Guel	8	108	218	12	37	9	.170
Ken Rooks, Ldn	3	5	6	2	1	0	.166
Al Dostal, Brant	4	41	128	17	20	18	.156
Ron Stead, Brant	8	127	340	26	51	13	.150
Richard Jack, Ham, KW	5	50	117	12	18	9	.154
Brian Cressman, KW	2	6	7	0	1	0	.143
Gerry Convey, Brant	5	30	78	4	11	2	.141
Gene Zanatta, KW	5	41	62	7	8	5	.129
Dave Scheen, Glt	2	4	16	1	2	1	.125
Ken Lavis, Glt	2	20	43	1	5	0	.116
Roy McKay, Ldn	10	94	222	10	24	9	.108
Gary Thomas, Strat	6	62	113	6	12	3	.106
George McGuire, Ldn	3	34	68	11	7	4	.102
Bob Russell, Glt	2	4	10	1	1	0	.100
Lorne Parker, Ldn	4	14	14	0	1	0	.071
Classified out of order							
Al Baron, Ldn	2	10	15	2	7	3	.467
Bob Frazier, Brant	3	91	346	61	112	62	.324
Bruce Dubrick, List, Str	5	54	214	34	64	44	.299
Tim Burgess, Ldn	4	153	508	98	141	99	.278
Kerry Leitch, Ldn, Guel	5	95	301	28	78	42	.259

STRATFORD CHIEFS

Can Johnny Bell keep coming up with miracles?

That's the uppermost question as the Chiefs enter their sophomore season in the Senior Intercounty.

Last year, Bell, who for many seasons plucked plums from U.S. college campus and turned Listowel into a perennial contender, proved he'd lost none of his magic in acquiring five above-par performers including batting champion Bill Gilhooley, catcher Ken Plesha, outfielder Gary Jones and pitchers John Krasnan and Doug Dobrei. The formidable five along with Bob Zister, Ken Lawrence, Gary Thomas, Nick Libett and Doug

Fountain formed the nucleus of a club which clinched fourth place and gave pennant winning London Pontiacs nightmares before bowing out in the semi-finals.

But only Thomas, Libett and Fountain remain from last year's club and the canny Bell has a major rebuilding chore on his hands. Can he do it again?

He seems to think so. And to make his chore an easier one he's enlisted the aid of an ex-Listowel shortstop, via University of Michigan — Dick Honig. The glue-gloved infielder, who competed on the last Listowel team in the Senior IC prior to this season — back in 1961 and

batted a creditable .270, has made good contacts with some top-rated U.S. collegians as a coach at Michigan and the Chiefs can be counted on to be a contending outfit. How strong they'll be will depend on the calibre of imported talent and the ability of Honig to get the best possible mileage out of the excellent young talent available on the roster of Stratford's Junior Academics.

The Chiefs' situation is not an enviable one but the Bell magic hasn't failed yet and there's no evidence it's apt to now. The rest of the league will have to keep a wary eye on the Chiefs — or get scalped.

LONDON PONTIACS

By Bob Ferguson

The date — August 18, 1964.

The place — Labatt Park.

The situation — Bottom of the 10th, two out, score tied 5-5, and the Senior Intercounty Baseball League pennant riding on every pitch. London Pontiacs' Stan "Gabby" Anderson stands on second base, the result of a beanball and stolen base. Galt pitcher Jim Mernick rears and fires plateward as Johnny Ambrose awaits bat in hand. The ball is low in the dirt and eludes backstop Ray Stadler. The alert Anderson breaks for third, diving headlong into the bag in a swirl of dust. Stadler retrieves the ball and rifles it at third sacker Fred Thompson. The ball strikes him on the ankle and bounds a short way into left field. Shortstop Wray Upper moves over to retrieve it.

Suddenly the crowd rises to its feet, excitement electrifying the night air.

Anderson has gathered himself up out of the dust and begun a dramatic dash towards home plate.

Upper's arm is cocked to make the throw but the veteran infielder appears too shocked to release the ball as the exhausted Anderson stumbles closer toward the victory island. Galvanized into action Upper drills the ball toward Stadler just as Anderson launches his patented headlong dive. A cloud of dust obscures home plate from view of the suddenly hushed crowd. Umpire Ab Cullaton is squarely in the middle of it.

Then the air is shattered by the cheering crowd as the dust abates and

Cullaton waves his arms in the traditional "safe" gesture.

And there for all to see is the prone figure of Anderson, arms outstretched, finger tips barely resting on home plate. The acknowledged "leader" has scored what could well be the most important and certainly the most dramatic run of his 11-year IC career, in leading his mates to their first pennant in six seasons.

London's subsequent loss to these same Terriers in a hard-fought playoff final failed to dim the drama which unfolded that night.

But that was last season. What 1965 holds only time will tell.

The 1965 edition of the Pontiacs shows added horsepower and indications are they'll be driving for a second straight pennant.

The pitching staff, though short in quantity should prove long in quality with righthander Rolf Scheel (11-3) heading the mound corps. He's the lone returnee from last year's squad. But he's ably backed up by two proven veterans, righthander George McGuire and southpaw Roy McKay. Add to this trio, lefty Bill Wilkinson, righthanders Ken Rooks and Larry Trowell and import righthander Gary Newitt, plus the occasional relief stint from veteran Johnny Ambrose and the Pontiacs' pitching corps might be even stronger than it was in '64.

The catching department has also been beefed up with Dave Pook again the key figure and ably backed by rookie Wayne Tulloch, a former standout all-around performer from Chatham.

The infield is also changed somewhat with rookie Joe Nash expected to claim the second base slot vacated by Billy

Zubyk's retirement. Playing-manager Tim Burgess is fully recovered from last year's wrist break and will see plenty of action at first base. Veterans Tommy McKenzie and Dave "Whitey" Lapthorne will again hold down the shortstop and third base berths respectively. And, when it comes to depth, Pontiacs have plenty with Johnny Ambrose, Bill Burgess and Newitt prepared to take a turn at first base; Paul Allen and Brian Pearen at second or short and Dan Mendham and Nash at third.

The outfield will likely consist of Bill Burgess in left, Pearen in centre and Gabby Anderson in right. And to back them up there's Ambrose, Tim Burgess, Jim Lavery, Allen, Mendham and Tulloch.

Depth at every position and versatility will prove vital in London's 1965 pennant drive. The absence of former batting champion Hank Czerwieniec and Zubyk are not apt to be felt too greatly. The loss of righthanders Ray Hebert (who finds business too time consuming) and Ron Oldridge (who has moved to Ottawa) may be felt but the addition of McGuire and McKay should more than compensate.

In addition to the available talent on the Pontiacs' roster there's a wealth of highly proficient young material available on the London Diamonds' junior roster. Included as potential senior stars are infielders Larry Rooks and Jim Rodrigues, outfielders Fred Fickling and Joe Staats and pitchers Don Martin, Graham Ballantine and Doug Poole, all of whom could see senior service this year.

It's unlikely the pennant clinching drama of 1964 will be repeated in just that fashion but 1965 is bound to see its share of the diamond drama and you can count on the Pontiacs to do their share of the script writing.



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WAYNE TULLOCH—Versatile. That describes this 21-year-old rookie from Chatham. A good hitter, he can catch, play infield and outfield and even pitch should the need arise. He's employed by Canadian Liquid Air Ltd.

1964 FINAL SEASON'S AVERAGES TEAM RECORDS

BATTING

Team	G	AB	R	H	RBI	BA
Galt	32	1154	132	311	160	.269
London	30	1081	177	268	142	.248
Kitchener	28	947	104	227	88	.239
Brantford	28	914	117	208	91	.227
Guelph	32	1096	156	248	124	.226
Stratford	30	998	136	221	109	.221

PITCHING

Team	IP	SO	W	L	Pct.	ERA
London	272	216	19	13	.594	2.61
Galt	280 2/3	211	18	14	.563	3.06
Guelph	285	249	17	15	.531	3.24
Stratford	262	230	16	14	.533	3.60
Kitchener	241	255	12	18	.400	3.69
Brantford	237 2/3	204	11	19	.367	3.87

FIELDING

Team	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB	LOB	FA
Guelph	855	305	66	1226	15	18	242	.947
London	816	345	69	1230	16	8	290	.944
Kitchener	723	264	68	1055	6	7	257	.936
Galt	842	376	89	1307	20	13	259	.932
Brantford	713	263	73	1049	12	4	220	.931
Stratford	783	305	101	1189	15	15	233	.916

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

BATTING

Average — Bob Gilhooley, Strat.	.374
Plate Appearances — Fred Thompson, Galt	149
At Bats — Hank Czerwieniec, London	135
Runs — Gilhooley	33
Hits — Thompson	47
Total Bases — Roger Dewaele, Galt	31
Doubles — Stan Anderson, London	9
Triples — Ron Gumbley, Guelph	5
Home Runs — Dewaele	7
Sacrifice Bunts — Carl Bessey, Brantford	5
Sacrifice Flies — Larry Cunningham, Galt	4
Stolen Bases — Gilhooley	16
Caught Stealing — Thompson	5
Walks — Gilhooley	26
Strikeouts — Gary Jeffries, Guelph	40
Hit By Pitch — Nick DiCarlo, Guelph	5
Hit In Double Plays —	
Wray Upper, Galt; Ron Stead, Brantford	5
Runs Batted In — Anderson	28

PITCHING

Games — Harry Barber, Guelph	20
Innings — Rolf Scheel, London	119
Batters Faced — Ron Stead, Brantford	492
Runs — Stead, Gary Thomas, Stratford	54
Hits — Stead	117
Home Runs — Stead	6
Walks — George Valesente, KW	38
Strikeouts — Stead	125
Hit Batsmen — Barber	6
Wild Pitches — Gary Field, Guelph	10
Games Started — Scheel	14
Games Finished — Stead	14
Complete Games — Stead	13
Wins — Scheel	11
Losses — Stead	7
Earned Runs — Thomas	36
Earned Run Average — Eric Lomax, Galt	1.35

THE SENIOR INTERCOUNTY

BY BOB FERGUSON

Senior Intercounty Statistician



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Senior Intercounty baseball in its 46 years of operation has greatly resembled a roller-coaster — plenty of ups and downs.

Its existence is due largely to the sports boom which followed the cessation of hostilities of World War I. Attention diverted from warfare, interest in sports began to revive and with it formation of countless numbers of leagues. Such a group was the Intercounty Association. Through the years the tireless efforts of an ever-changing group of men has kept the association alive and flourishing.

In 1919 the IC launched its inaugural season. The league consisted of four clubs — Guelph, Galt, Stratford and Kitchener—the latter operating as a rival for the professional team in the Michigan-Ontario League.

The season was a rocky one with hassle after hassle disrupting on and off field activities. But the group survived, Guelph claimed the pennant and went into the Ontario Amateur Baseball Assoc-

iation finals before bowing to Hamilton.

As the years rolled on several other teams appeared briefly under the Intercounty banner but in the early years a New York Yankee-type domination of the circuit existed — first by Guelph which took the first three titles, then by Galt which won the next three. In 1922, Galt won the Ontario senior crown. But the Guelph-Galt domination was shattered in 1925 with London claiming the title and Preston running second. The next year, St. Thomas was the winner. But the Guelph-Galt combination came back to again rule the scene until St. Thomas took all the marbles in 1933. In 1934, Stratford, one of the charter members, took its first crown.

Meanwhile the original association had continued to grow with an intermediate and junior series being added in 1922.

By the mid-30's the Intercounty had grown into a power to be reckoned with in Ontario baseball circles. When Stratford won the 1934 OBA title it was the fifth straight for Senior Intercounty teams.

The depression and World War II followed and while activity became somewhat curtailed, the Intercounty survived and rapidly rose to the heights in the league's golden era following the second global conflict.

This was truly the league's hey-day with the Intercounty, listed in professional

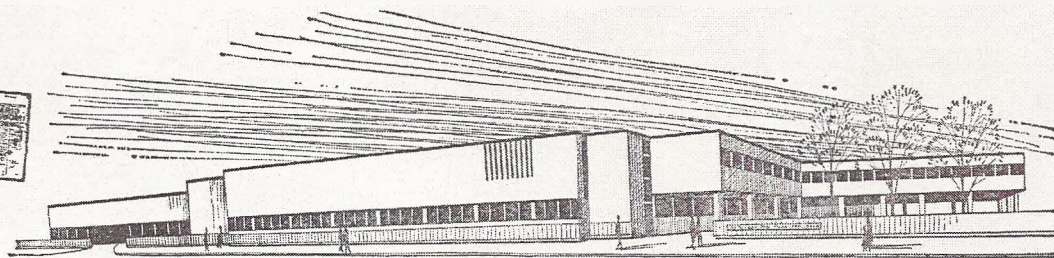
ranks as an outlaw group, competing in the money market with the minor professional squads for talent. Operators poured in cash in an effort to build better teams, the player calibre improved — several major leaguers roamed the IC gardens during the "gold in them thar hills" days. The league was undoubtedly superior in class of play to many minor pro groups. So much emphasis had been placed on the senior series that the IC no longer operated one as an association — the senior operators did so as the Senior Intercounty Baseball League, an affiliate of the association. They even went to the extent of having a league commissioner, John Gillies, a London lawyer, and himself a former pitcher with London Majors. The Majors by this time had become the loop's dominant factor.

But like all roller-coasters, the downhill grade had to come and the "golden egg" grew smaller and smaller until a more sane policy of operations was adopted. Dissolution of the Senior Intercounty Baseball League came in 1957 when London, the 1956 pennant and playoff champs, and Brantford joined Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Welland and Tonawanda, N.Y., in the Great Lakes-Niagara District League. The remainder of the IC clubs continued as a senior series under the association banner.

This proved strictly a one-year venture and London, Brantford and Hamilton

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rejoined the IC in 1958. Oakville Oaks won the pennant in the nine-team circuit then withdrew from the league. The downhill ride continued rapidly thereafter until 1963 when only five teams went to the post — Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo and London.

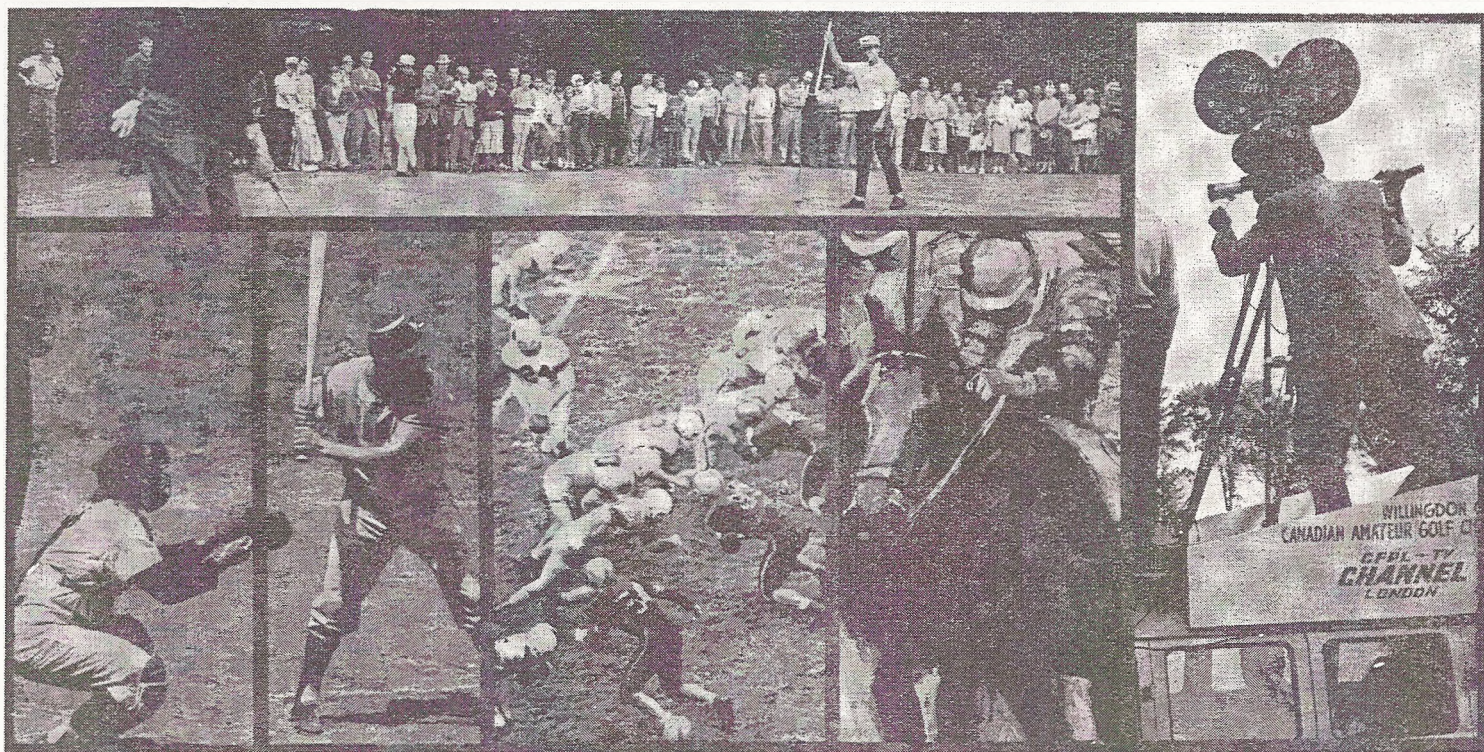
Then the uphill journey began with Stratford swelling the ranks to six clubs last year. This season Listowel rejoins the group bringing the count to seven clubs. Competition has become keener with Brantford's five-year hold on the top rung having been snapped in 1964 and Galt and London looming as the big guns.

War and depressions, golden eras and glory days have failed to subdue the drive of the IC players and executives and, as the 46th season is recorded in the history books, a spirit of continued optimism exist. The uphill ride is a slow one but history shows the IC has made it before. We think they can do it again.

1964 Final Season's Averages — London Pontiacs

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Player, Pos.	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB	FA
Allen, 2b, of, 3b	40	26	11	77	4	0	.857
Ambrose, 1b	199	14	3	216	12	0	.986
Anderson, J., cf	4	0	2	6	0	0	.667
Anderson, S., of	29	2	1	32	1	0	.969
Baron, c	6	0	1	7	0	2	.857
Burgess, J., p	0	4	1	5	0	0	.800
Burgess, T., 1b	6	1	0	7	0	0	1.000
Burgess, W., of, 1b	111	4	6	121	3	0	.950
Czerwieniec, of, ss, 3b	46	3	1	50	0	0	.943
Hebert, p	7	26	2	35	0	0	.943
Kyle, p, 2b, of	0	1	0	1	0	0	1.000
Lapthorne, 3b	24	42	9	75	2	0	.880
McKenzie, ss	54	79	6	139	6	0	.957
Mendham, lf, 3b	8	3	1	12	0	0	.917
Oldridge, p	3	14	1	18	0	0	.944
Parker, p	0	1	0	1	0	0	1.000
Pook, c	215	22	10	247	0	6	.960
Rodrigues, ss	6	9	2	17	0	0	.883
Scheel, p	5	36	5	46	4	0	.891
Winch, p	0	2	0	2	0	0	1.000
Zubyk, 2b	53	55	7	115	7	0	.939



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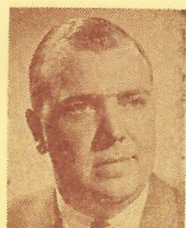
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